

This Proposed Amendment

Besides the mentioned proposed deletion of several claims, this response proposes insertion of cart in independent claims 1, 6, 9 as favoring allowance or, alternatively, simplifying the appeal issues. The word "cart" is NOT new, being already in the Title, and referred to in claim 16, and also positively claimed in claim 17.

This response also proposes to insert temporarily deformable in claim 1 as a modifier of "cuplike receptor" being already present in independent claim 9 (along with "elastomeric"--itself also already in independent claim 13). Hence, NO new search is appropriate here.

The Final Rejection

Applicant respectfully notes that neither reference discloses nor suggests either "elastomeric" or "temporarily deformable"--much less, "temporarily deformable elastomeric"--cuplike receptor means. Thus, such receptor is NEITHER fully met (102) NOR unobvious (103).

The Examiner has never indicated how Smith's (rigid) funnel or Coffman's (rigid) shampoo bowl could meet these claim requirements, one or both already being present in independent claims 6, 9, & 13.

The only references (Wines and Freitas) relied upon in the only prior action on the merits also lack any such pertinent disclosure.

Dependent claims 12 and 18, further considered by the Examiner, share such patentability of their respective independent claims.

Also, Coffman's "Readily Portable Shampoo Device" and Smith's "Liquid Disposal Automobile Accessory" are from non-analogous arts. Neither reference--much less any combination of them--can be relied upon appropriately to reject Applicant's claims in this application.

Conclusions

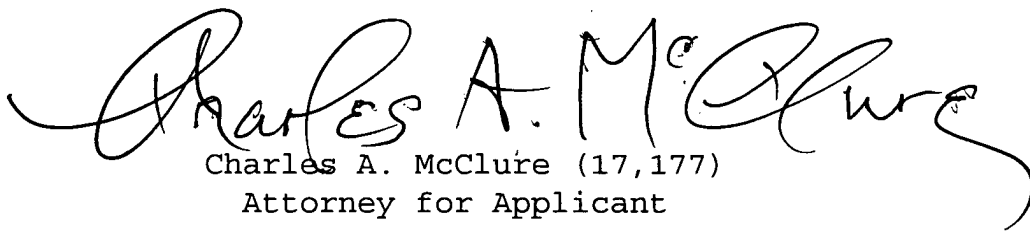
Entry of this amendment would not introduce any limitation not already claimed herein, nor would it require any further search, and by claim deletion and amendment it would simplify issues for appeal.

Applicant submits that the claims, as proposed to be amended hereby, are neither anticipated nor unpatentable over the prior art.

Accordingly, Applicant urges allowance of this application.

Absent allowance, he urges entry hereof for purpose of appeal.

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